

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed 10 November 2004 has been received and reviewed. The Examiner has noted the allowance of claims 1-12 and 14. Claim 15 stands rejected and claim 13 is objected to.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

The Examiner has objected to Claim 10 as lacking a proper antecedent basis. More specifically, the Examiner maintains that the terminology “said cut surfaces” in line 3 of the claim lacks antecedent basis. The applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner’s objection. The terminology “cut surfaces” is introduced initially in the claim as line 2 of the claim. It follows therefore that the use of the identical terminology “cut surfaces” in line 3 is supported by the initial introduction of that terminology at line 2. As a result there exists antecedent basis for the terminology “cut surfaces” in line 3 at line 2 of Claim 10.

With reference to Claim 13, applicant has adopted the Examiner’s suggestion and has amended claim 13 to substitute the word “a” for the word “an”.

In view of the above considerations, applicant respectfully requests that the objections identified above be withdrawn.

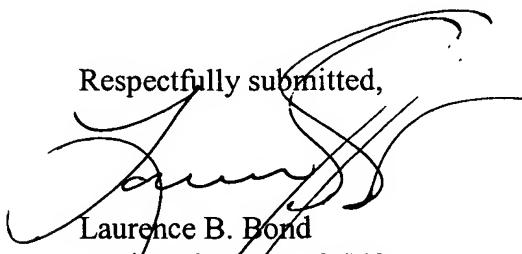
REJECTION OF CLAIM 15:

Claim 15 stands rejected as allegedly constituting double patenting. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, while not admitting that the instant rejection is justified, applicant has cancelled claim 15 from the application thereby rendering the rejection moot.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the above considerations, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of his application and the claims thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


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